

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

My only choices now to include local channel coverage is to either cope with an antenna on top of my television(s), add a outside antenna on top of my home, or as I do now subscribe to both cable and DirecTv and have two bills and many channels that overlap for both coverages.

My Local channels are VERY important to me and I feel that the merger will provide the entertainment that I am more than willing to get at a better cost and better quality than I have right now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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